

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for reproducing contents recorded in a predetermined order on a recording medium ~~exchangeably~~ loaded exchangeably therein ~~in a predetermined order~~ and for reproducing the contents of the same skipingly loaded recording medium skipingly regardless the predetermined order, the apparatus comprising:

a ~~diskriminator~~ discriminator for ~~diskriminating~~ discriminating the contents of the loaded recording medium;

a registration controller for accepting skipped section information including a start point and a termination point of a section to be reproduced skipingly and for associating the skipped section information with the ~~diskriminated~~ discriminated contents;

a point table for storing a plurality of the skipped section information associated with the respective contents; and

a reproduction controller for reading out at least one of the skipped section information stored in the point table in accordance with the ~~diskriminated~~ discriminated contents, and for skipingly reproducing the contents in accordance with the read out skipped section information.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The reproduction apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the ~~diskriminator~~ discriminator ~~diskriminates~~ discriminates the contents of the loaded recording medium based on ~~diskrimination~~ discrimination information recorded on the loaded recording medium.

Claim 3 Currently Amended): A method for skippingly reproducing contents recorded on a recording medium ~~exchangeably~~ loaded exchangeably in an reproduction apparatus, comprising the steps of:

~~diskriminating~~ discriminating the contents of the loaded recording medium;

accepting skipped section information including a start point and a termination point of a section to be reproduced skippingly;

registering the accepted skipped section information in a point table while associating with the ~~diskriminated~~ discriminated contents;

reading out the skipped section information registered in the point table in accordance with the ~~diskriminated~~ discriminated contents; and

skippingly reproducing the contents in accordance with the read out skipped section information.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The reproduction method as set forth in claim 3, wherein a plurality of the skipped section information associated with the respective contents are registered in the point table; and

wherein at least one of the skipped section information is selected in accordance with the ~~diskriminated~~ discriminated contents to be skippingly reproduced.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The reproduction method as set forth in claim 3, wherein the contents of the loaded recording medium is ~~diskriminated~~ discriminated based on ~~diskrimination~~ discrimination information recorded on the loaded recording medium.

Claim 6 (New): The reproduction apparatus as set forth in claim 1,
wherein the point table stored the DISK number, TITLE number, CHAPTER number,
and a total number of skipped sections.

Claim 7 (New): The reproduction method as set forth in claim 3,
wherein the point table stored the DISK number, TITLE number, CHAPTER number,
and a total number of skipped sections.